Cyclone and floods affected States

476. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the States which were affected by cyclones and floods in recent weeks ;

(b) the estimated loss of human life and standing crops suffered as a result thereof, State-wise ;

(c) the estimated loss caused due to collapse of bridges or damage to roads or breaches in canals; and

(d) The details of the relief provided by the Central Government to the affected States, State-wise.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) to (c) State-wise details of the extent of damages to life, standing crops, etc. due to floods during monsoon period of 1986, as reported by the States/U.Ts. are given vide Annexure-I [*See* Appendix CXL Annexure No. 16]

(d) State-wise details of ceiling of expenditure approved so far for flood relief to the State affected during monsoon period of 1986, are as under :—

States	Rs. in crores
1. Andhra Pradesh	132.37
2. Punjab . . .	18.08
3. Rajasthan . .	7.59
4. Kerala . .	26.57
5. Maharashtra . .	5.86
6. Pondicherry . .	0.44

Grant to the soil conservation department, Orissa

477. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) what amount has been granted to soil conservation Department of Orissa during the last three years and what amount has been distributed by the Government of Orissa, district-wise, during the same period; and

(b) whether Central Government propose to sanction adequate funds for soil conservation and dry land farming to the State Government in view of the resource constraints of the Orissa Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY O F AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) As per the Annual Plan discussions, following allocations were made for Soil Conservation in Orissa State under both State and Central Sector for the last three years:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	State	Central
1983-84 .	150.00	129.96
1984-85 .	150.00	140.00
1985-86 .	150.00	159.00

The allocations for 1986-87 are Rs. 250 lakhs under State Sector and Rs. 154 lakhs under Centra Sector.

The information on districtwise distribution by the Government of Orissa is not available..

(b) The quantum of funds to be sanctioned for soil conservation and dry land farming to Orissa State will be decided during the Annual Plan discussions for 1987-88 which are likely to be held in the Planning Commission during December, 1986.

Survey of Credit Requirement of Farmers

478. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to conduct a survey of credit requirements of agriculturists for various purposes all over the country and assess the credit gaps to enable the financial institutions dealing with agricultural credit to shape their lending programmes in a better way to serve the genuine credit needs of the agriculturists; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, under National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) Credit Project-I taken up for implementation with World Bank assistance for a period of 3 years from 1986-87 onwards, a component of 'Agricultural Credit Review' has been included. This 'Review' comprises five studies relating to :—

(i) Agricultural Credit in general,

(ii) Role and effectiveness of lending institutions,

(iii) Role and function of the apex level of the system,

(iv) Lending costs and margins, and

(v) The organisation and management of NABARD.

Life Insurance cover for farmers

479. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to evolve a scheme for providing life insurance cover to the members of farming community so that in case of death of a farmer some monetary benefits are made available to the dependents of the deceased; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) and (b) At present there is no such proposal under consideration of Government of India. The farmers can avail of normal schemes operated by the Life Insurance Corporation of India throughout the country.

Crop Insurance Scheme

480. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to enlarge the scope of the existing Crop Insurance Scheme by taking into account the factors like farmers inability to repay loans due to natural calamities and resultant decrease in agricultural production; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b)